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PASS PEACE CORPS TORIAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP, BC, WZ

SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS UNIVERSITY PROJECT

REF: A. STATE 086011, B. ACCRA 2728

1. WE APPRECIATE THAT VISIT MENTIONED REF A IS EXPLORATORY AND SHARE RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED REF B.

2. IT APPEARS THAT PROGRAM COULD VIOLATE CEILING OF VOLUNTEER LEVEL STIPULATED BY GOB AND EMBASSY UNLESS EQUAL NUMBER OF REQUESTED VOLUNTEERS WERE DROPPED. IN ADDITION, PROGRAM WOULD IN EFFECT INCREASE PEACE CORPS STAFF BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND.

3. BELIEVE DECISION TO MOUNT PLANNING PROJECT BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY STATE IN COOPERATION WITH PEACE CORPS.

WE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASED PRESENCE OF AMERICAN STUDENTS IN BLS AREA IN LIGHT OF CURRENT SECURITY TRENDS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES ESPECIALLY AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL. IN ADDITION, WE DOUBT PROPOSED PROJECT AS DESCRIBED REFTL WOULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR BASIC
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POLICY OBJECTIVES IN BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND; IT MIGHT EVEN BE

COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

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